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RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS
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at the second part of its thirty-sixth session

RESOLUTION

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Protectionism and structural adjustment and, in conjunction therewith, developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular concern to developing countries, in accordance with paragraph 105 (8) of the Final Act.
The impact of technological change on patterns of international trade.
The implications of bilateral arrangements and regional economic integration, especially those which have major impact on global trade, in particular on the trade and development of developing countries.

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, the Final Act of UNCTAD VII 1/ and Board decision 367 (XXXV) of 17 March 1989,

1. Urges Governments to fulfil commitments to halt and reverse protectionism as agreed in the Final Act of UNCTAD VII taking in particular into account the export interests of developing countries and reiterates the need to take expeditious and concrete structural adjustment actions favourable, in particular, to the widening of markets for products in which the developing countries have or may develop comparative advantage;

2. Recognizes the contribution made by UNCTAD to a better understanding of the problematics of trade in services from the point of view of developing countries and in the context of overall development objectives and:

(a) Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue, taking into account national case studies, specific studies on sectors of priority interest to developing countries particularly with a view to building and improving infrastructure and capabilities with the objective of developing efficient and competitive industries in these countries and thereby strengthening their export potential;

(b) Takes note of the high appreciation which the recipient countries expressed for technical co-operation activities of UNCTAD in the area of services in support of developing countries;

1/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, seventh session, vol.I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No.E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect.A.1.

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3. Reiterates paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989 and agrees on the need to ensure that bilateral arrangements and regional economic integration, especially those which have a major impact on global trade, in particular on the trade and development of developing countries, impart dynamism to global trade and enhance trade and development possibilities for the developing countries and calls on member States involved to continue to promote necessary policies and adopt appropriate measures in this regard;

4. Urges Governments to take measures to assist technologically weak countries, especially developing countries, to fully participate in technology-led growth in international trade in terms of product innovation, export supply and market penetration capabilities and affirms the need for pursuing policies in the areas of technology which further the goal of trade expansion for the benefit of all trading partners, particularly developing countries, and which promote investment, innovation, absorption, utilization and development of technological and entrepreneurial capabilities;

5. Urges participants in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to strive for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries, through adequate attention being given to all areas including, in particular, those of special interest to the trade and development of developing countries;

6. Notes that recipient countries recognize the usefulness and the importance of the UNCTAD/UNDP technical co-operation programme in assisting developing countries in their participation in the Uruguay Round.

772nd meeting
23 March 1990

DECISIONS

381 (XXXVI). Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 377 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989 and General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989,

Taking note of the reports of the President of the Board and of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on their consultations under Board decision 377 (XXXVI),

Taking note also of the statements made in the plenary of the Board under this item,

1. Decides in principle to recommend to the General Assembly that the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be convened during the month of June 1991, subject to confirmation by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session;

2. Requests the President of the Board to continue his consultations with regard to the venue in Latin America of the Conference, so that a final decision may be taken not later than at the first part of the thirty-seventh session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his consultations with regard to the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Conference, with a view to finalizing it as soon as possible, and to present it for formal adoption by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

772nd meeting
23 March 1990

382 (XXXVI). Future meetings on iron ore

The Trade and Development Board,

Decides that UNCTAD's work on iron ore should be maintained and that regular intergovernmental meetings of experts should be convened, with the participation of industry advisers, to exchange views on the iron ore situation and to review and enhance iron ore statistics.

772nd meeting
23 March 1990

383 (XXXVI). Review of the calendar of meetings

The Trade and Development Board,

Approves the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990 and takes note of the draft calendar for 1991. 2/

772nd meeting
23 March 1990

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

(a) Designation of the President of the Board at its thirty-seventh regular session

At the 772nd meeting, on 23 March 1990, pursuant to its decision 338 (XXXIII) of 9 September 1986 and in accordance with the rotation of the office of President indicated in annex I to the rules of procedure, the Board designated Mr. Jean-David Levitte (France) as President of the Board at its thirty-seventh session.

2/ See TD/B/INF.177.

(b) Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom 3/

At the 772nd meeting, on 23 March 1990, the Board took note of the following statement which the President read out as the outcome of informal consultations on this item in his Contact Group:

> As a result of the Board's consideration, it is understood that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will use his discretion in orienting and adjusting the work programme as he considers appropriate, in the light of developments and taking into account the views expressed during the session.

(c) Other matters in the field of trade and development

At the 766th meeting, on 12 March 1990, the Board noted that there had been no request for the inclusion in the agenda of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the International Development Strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade. It was understood that the mandate given to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in Board decision 373 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989 remained valid.

(d) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of election

At the 766th meeting, on 12 March 1990, the Board took note that the membership of UNCTAD remained unchanged and stood at 168.

(e) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees

At the 766th meeting, on 12 March 1990, the Board took note that the membership of the Board and its main Committees remained unchanged and stood as follows: Trade and Development Board - 131; Committee on Commodities - 107; Committee on Manufactures - 101; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade - 102; Committee on Shipping - 103; Committee on Transfer of Technology - 99; Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries - 110.

At the 722nd meeting, on 23 March 1990, the Board elected the People's Republic of the Congo to membership of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, thus bringing the membership of the Committee to 103.

3/ For the statements made in this connection by the spokesman for the Group of 77, the spokesman for Group B and the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland, see Official Records of the General Assembly, forty-fourth session, supplement No.15 (A/44/15).

OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD

At the 722nd meeting, on 23 March 1990, the Board:

(a) Adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending its sixteenth special session and the second part of the thirty-sixth regular session contained in TD/B/1255.

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-seventh session (reproduced in annex II below) and authorized the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete that agenda in the light of developments, on the understanding that any amendments or additions would be referred to the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI), of 23 October 1976 and Board resolution 231 (XXII), of 20 March 1981. The Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult delegations regarding the organization of work of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

Annex I

AGENDA OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION */

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;

   (b) Adoption of the report on credentials;

   (c) Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board and organization of the work of the session;

   (d) Designation of the President of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board.

2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXXIV): selected issues requiring attention by the Board.

   Services within the mandate of UNCTAD as defined in the Final Act. a/

3. Protectionism and structural adjustment and, in conjunction therewith, developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular concern to developing countries, in accordance with paragraph 105 (8) of the Final Act.

4. Other issues for consideration by the Board as mandated in General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), and in the context of the relevant provisions of the Final Act on international trade, as well as other pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the Conference:

   (a) The impact of technological change on patterns of international trade;

   (b) The implications of bilateral arrangements and regional economic integration, especially those which have a major impact on global trade, in particular on the trade and development of developing countries.

5. Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom.

6. Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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*/ Adopted by the Board at its 766th meeting on 12 March 1990.

a/ For statements made in connection with the adoption of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, see Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh session, Vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No.E.88.II.D.1), part one B and part two.

7. Other matters in the field of trade and development.

8. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:

   (a) Restrictive business practices;

   (b) Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget;

   (c) Manufactures;

   (d) Future meetings on iron ore.

9. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;

   (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;

   (c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;

   (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

10. Other business.

11. Adoption of the report of the Board.

Annex II

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE FIRST PART OF ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION */

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;

   (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;

   (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board.

2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXXIV): selected issues requiring attention by the Board

   Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in preparation for UNCTAD VIII.

3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system. a/

4. Debt and development problems of developing countries

   Including discussion called for in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 44/232 of 22 December 1989 on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries.

5. Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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*/ The inclusion of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the preparations for the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will depend on the outcome of consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with Board decision 373 (XXXVI).

a/ Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 and paragraphs 105 (7) and (8) of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, and in line with the consensus recorded at the 730th plenary meeting of the Board (second part of the thirty-fourth session), it has been agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 in its entirety, delegations will be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries. It has also been agreed that an informal exchange of this matter will be organized to which the Director-General of GATT will be invited.

6. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991.

7. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987).

8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

   (a) UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV));

   (b) Economic co-operation among developing countries:

      (i) Analyses and proposals for the facilitation of trade expansion among developing countries (para. 4 (f) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries);

      (ii) Problems of trade financing in developing countries (para. 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries);

   (c) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session;

   (d) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-third annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

      [to be completed in the light of developments]

9. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies.

   [to be completed in the light of developments]

10. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;

   (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;

   (c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991;

   (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(f) Review of the calendar of meetings;

(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

[to be completed in the light of developments]

11. Other business.

12. Adoption of the report of the Board.

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